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TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

FROM: AMBASSADOR EILTS

1. AS I WAS LEAVING PRESIDENT SADAT THIS AFTERNOON, HE ASKED THAT I CONVEY TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD HIS BEST WISHES AND HIS INVITATION TO VISIT EGYPT AS HIS PERSONAL GUESTS AT ANY TIME THAT MAY BE CONVENIENT TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HE CONSIDERS PRESIDENT FORD AS A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND AND cherishes their association.

2. SADAT EXTENDED A SIMILAR INVITATION TO SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER, WHOM I WILL CONVEY TO THE SECRETARY WHEN I GET BACK.

WARM REGARDS.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PSDC, EG

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FAREWELL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT SADAT

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM  
SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT SADAT:

BEGIN QUOTE:

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS I COME TO THE CLOSING DAYS  
OF MY TERM OF OFFICE, THERE IS NOTHING I RECALL WITH GREATER  
WARMTH THAN MY ASSOCIATION AND FRIENDSHIP WITH YOU. FROM  
THE OUTSET, WHEN YOU AND I FIRST MADE CONTACT I HAVE BEEN  
ENCOURAGED AND SUSTAINED BY YOUR VISION OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE  
AND WHAT IS NECESSARY IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE IN THE  
MIDDLE EAST.

3. OUR FIRST MEETING AND TALKS TOGETHER REPRESENT IN MY  
MIND AN UNFORGETTABLE MILESTONE, RECALLING AS I DO THAT  
MOMENT OF INTUITIVE RECOGNITION OF WHAT WE COULD ACCOMPLISH  
TOGETHER. IT SEEMED THEN, AS IT DOES NOW, THAT WE COULD  
TALK AND THINK TOGETHER LIKE OLD FRIENDS. SUCH AN  
IMMEDIATE RAPPORT, PROVIDING AS IT HAS DONE SUCH EASE OF

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COMMUNICATION, HAS IMMENSELY ENHANCED THE ABILITY OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS TO SEE THINGS IN THE SAME LONG-TERM PERSPECTIVE.

4. IN THIS PROCESS YOU VERY EARLY MADE A DECISION TO TRUST US, AND I NOTE THAT IN RECENT WEEKS YOU HAVE BEEN GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO RENEW EXPRESSIONS OF THAT TRUST IN TALKING WITH VISITORS TO CAIRO. YOUR DECISION HAS BEEN WITHOUT DOUBT THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER THUS FAR.

5. ONE OF THE MOST CONSPICUOUS FRUITS OF THAT RELATIONSHIP OF MUTUAL TRUST HAS BEEN THE HISTORIC STRATEGY THAT YOU UNDERTOOK IN GIVING PRACTICAL EFFECT TO YOUR CONVICTION THAT EGYPT'S LONG TERM INTERESTS COULD BEST BE SERVED BY TIGHTENING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES AND OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES. MY OWN PARTICIPATION IN MARSHALLING THE UNITED STATES' RESPONSE TO YOUR DECISION HAS GIVEN ME AS MUCH SATISFACTION AS ANYTHING I HAVE DONE IN THESE EVENTFUL YEARS.

6. OBVIOUSLY I COULD NOT HAVE PLAYED MY PART IN ORGANIZING THE AMERICAN RESPONSE IF THE IMPACT OF YOUR VISION AND YOUR RESOLVE HAD BEEN MADE ON ME ALONE. TWO PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE MET WITH YOU AND HAVE DRAWN THE SAME STRENGTH OF CONVICTION. SCORES OF MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS HAVE HAD THE SAME PRIVILEGE. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE COME TO UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE INDISPENSABLE ROLE THAT YOU ARE CARRYING OUT. THIS NATIONAL ESTEEM WAS DRAMATICALLY REINFORCED BY YOUR HISTORIC STATE VISIT HERE IN 1975. FOR ME AND MY FELLOW AMERICANS IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE WHAT THE COURSE OF EVENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST MIGHT HAVE BEEN IF DESTINY HAD NOT BROUGHT YOU TO THE LEADERSHIP OF EGYPT AND THE ARAB WORLD AT THIS PARTICULAR HOUR OF HISTORY.

7. THIS AWARENESS OF DEEP AND SOLID FRIENDSHIP IS SOMETHING THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND I WEIGH PROFOUNDLY AS WE REFLECT ON WHERE WE HAVE COME TOGETHER AND WHAT THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE FOR THE FUTURE.

8. WITHIN A FEW DAYS MY SUCCESSOR WILL BE TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PURSUING THE GOAL OF PEACE TO WHICH ALL AMERICANS ARE COMMITTED. AS FOR MYSELF I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FREEDOM TO REFLECT ON THE LONG VIEW OF HISTORY. I HAVE LEARNED MUCH FROM YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, WHO INSTINCTIVELY AND COURAGEOUSLY TOOK THE LONG VIEW, FROM THE TIME YOU ASSUMED THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR PEOPLE SIX YEARS AGO.

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9. I CANNOT DISGUISE SOME FEELING OF REGRET THAT I SHALL NOT HAVE OFFICIAL OCCASION TO WORK AGAIN SO DIRECTLY WITH YOU AS I DID IN THE MANY PRODUCTIVE HOURS AND WEEKS THAT WE WERE TOGETHER IN THE YEARS JUST PAST. EVEN SO, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO HELP MY SUCCESSOR AND OUR NEW PRESIDENT IN MOVING AHEAD TOWARD THE GOALS THAT EGYPTIANS AND AMERICANS SEEK AND TO WHICH BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE FIRMLY COMMITTED.

10. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT NANCY AND I WILL NOT TARRY WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY COMES AGAIN FOR US TO VISIT WITH YOU AND MRS. SADAT AND REFRESH THE BONDS OF PERSONAL ADMIRATION AND FRIENDSHIP FOR BOTH OF YOU THAT WILL SUSTAIN US IN THE YEARS AHEAD. YOU WILL BOTH ALWAYS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS, AND WE WISH THE HAPPIEST OF FUTURES TO YOU AND PEACE AND PROSPERITY TO YOUR PEOPLE.

11. WITH WARMEST AND MOST RESPECTFUL REGARDS ALWAYS,  
HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE. YY

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FAREWELL MESSAGE TO FOREIGN MINISTER  
 FAHMY

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SECRE-  
 TARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: MY DEAR ISMAIL: YOU WILL NOT BE  
 SURPRISED THAT THE PROSPECT OF LAYING ASIDE MY RESPONSIBI-  
 LITIES, WITH THE ADVENTURES AND EXERTIONS THEY HAVE  
 BROUGHT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, HAS PUT ME IN A SENTI-  
 MENTAL MOOD. INDEED I HAVE NEVER MADE ANY SECRET OF THE  
 FACT THAT MY ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE MIDDLE EAST HAVE A  
 STRONG GRIP ON MY EMOTIONS.

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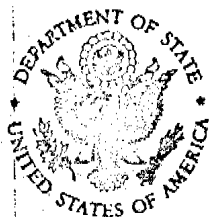
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3. AT THE CENTER OF MY REFLECTIONS ARE THOUGHTS OF MY EGYPTIAN FRIENDS AND THE STIRRING HOURS AND WEEKS WE HAVE SPENT TOGETHER. THE REWARDS HAVE BEEN ALL THE RICHER BECAUSE OF THE COURAGE, VISION AND PRACTICAL WISDOM THAT PRESIDENT SADAT AND YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON OUR COMMON AGENDA. YOU HAVE BEEN UNFAILINGLY QUICK AND ASTUTE IN OUR DIALOGUE OVER THESE HISTORIC YEARS. I CHERISH ESPECIALLY THE CANDOR THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN ME, AND THAT HAS BEEN SUCH A SOURCE OF STRENGTH IN OUR FRIENDSHIP.

4. PRESIDENT SADAT'S DECISION TO TRUST THE UNITED STATES AND TO TURN EGYPT TOWARD CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH US HAS BENEFITTED BY YOUR SPECIAL SKILLS AS CHIEF ARCHITECT AND EXPONENT OF THIS HISTORIC EVOLUTION IN EGYPTIAN POLICY. THE POLICY IS A NOTABLY PRACTICAL ONE AS WELL AS A COURAGEOUS ONE, AND YOU ARE DISTINCTIVELY A PRACTICAL STATESMAN. IT IS SO MUCH EASIER TO WORK FOR PRAGMATIC OBJECTIVES WHEN ONE IS DEALING WITH A TRIED AND TRUSTED FRIEND AS YOU HAVE PROVEN TO BE, OVER AND OVER AGAIN. IT IS PARTICULARLY SATISFYING TO SEE IN RECENT MONTHS THAT YOUR ARAB BROTHERS HAVE LAID ASIDE SOME OF THEIR EARLIER MISGIVINGS, AND THERE IS EVIDENT A MORE GENERAL DISPOSITION TO ADOPT THE GOALS THAT YOU AND PRESIDENT SADAT HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARD ALL ALONG. RECALLING THE EARLIER DIVERGENCIES AMONG YOUR ARAB NEIGHBORS BRINGS TO MIND ONCE AGAIN THE EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE THAT EGYPT DEMONSTRATED DURING THE DISENGAGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THE BELIEF IN THE ATTAINABILITY OF PEACE WAS NOT NEARLY SO WIDESPREAD AS IT IS TODAY.

5. LET ME SAY VERY SINCERELY, MY DEAR ISMAIL, THAT I SHALL REGRET THE CONSTANT STIMULATION, AND EVEN THE OCCASIONAL LECTURES THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AS YOU PURSUED WITH VIGOR AND INGENUITY THE INTERESTS OF EGYPT IN ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS. THE EVER-DEEPENING FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT COULD NOT

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HAVE COME NEARLY SO FAR WITHOUT YOUR OWN ASTUTE ATTENTION AND COMMITMENT. PRESIDENT SADAT AND ALL WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH HIM IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE AND A BETTER LIFE FOR EGYPTIANS ARE FORTUNATE INDEED TO HAVE YOU AT THE VORTEX OF THESE EXCITING AND HOPEFUL EFFORTS. I HAVE COMMENDED YOU HIGHLY TO MY SUCCESSOR AND HAVE URGED THAT HE AND PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THE ROLE AMERICA CAN PLAY IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. I BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND THEM WELL-DISPOSED TO DO SO.

6. NANCY AND I, AS YOU KNOW, FEEL KEENLY THE DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE POSTPONEMENT OF OUR LAST EFFORT TO GET TOGETHER. WITH MORE FREEDOM ON THE HORIZON FOR THE KISSINGERS, I AM COUNTING ON YOU TO FIND THE RIGHT TIME FOR YOU AND AFAF WITH NANCY AND ME TO PICK UP AGAIN AND RENEW THE FRIENDSHIP WHICH HE WILL CHERISH IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

7. WARM PERSONAL REGARDS ALWAYS, HENRY. END QUOTE.  
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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FAREWELL MESSAGES TO SADAT AND FAHMY

REF (A) STATE 8785, (B) STATE 8786

1. AS SOON AS I RETURNED THIS MORNING, I SOUGHT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FAHMY TO DELIVER PERSONALLY YOUR MESSAGES TO SADAT AND ISMAIL. SADAT, AS YOU MAY KNOW, IS STILL IN ASWAN AND IS EXPECTED TO BE THERE FOR THE REST OF THIS MONTH -- UNLESS THE SERIOUS SECURITY SITUATION WHICH DEVELOPED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY AND CONTINUES TODAY BRINGS HIM BACK EARLIER. FAHMY, IT TURNED OUT, WOULD NOT BE IN HIS OFFICE TODAY. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO THE DEMONSTRATIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY HERE IN CAIRO OR TO THE FACT THAT KHAUDAM IS STILL HERE AND WAS EXPECTED TO FLY UP TO ASWAN THIS MORNING TO SAY GOODBYE TO SADAT. I RATHER SUSPECT IT IS THE LATTER AND THAT FAHMY ACCOMPANIED KHAUDAM TO ASWAN. IN ANY CASE, FAHMY'S OFFICE KNOWS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM AS SOON AS HE IS AVAILABLE. I WILL DELIVER THE LETTERS AS SOON AS WE MEET.

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2. YOU WILL PERHAPS HAVE NOTED FROM OUR REPORTING THAT SERIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY AND HAVE INTENSIFIED TODAY. THE OSTENSIBLE REASON IS THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING RESULTING FROM THE NEW GOE BUDGET WHICH REMOVES MANY OF THE SUBSIDIES. IN FACT, I RATHER SUSPECT THAT THIS WAS SIMPLY THE EVENT WHICH TRIGGERED OFF WHAT HAS LONG BEEN PENT UP PUBLIC RESTIVENESS OVER THE DETERIORATING ECONOMY, THE STALLED PE PEACE PROCESS, THE NOVEAU RICHE WHO HAVE APPEARED IN EGYPT IN THE LAST YEAR OR MORE, ETC. IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEND ONE OF THESE DAYS AND WE WILL NOW HAVE TO SEE HOW EFFECTIVELY GOE COPE WITH WHAT IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE MOST SERIOUS DOMESTIC UNREST IT HAS EXPERIENCED IN THREE YEARS OR MORE. AN AIR OF TENSION PREVAILS AROUND THE CITY AND, AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE ON SUCH OCCASIONS, THERE ARE RUMORS OF MORE SERIOUS OUTBREAKS TONIGHT AND TOMORROW. PERHAPS TO FORESTALL THIS, GOE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED NATION-WIDE CURFEW BEGINNING 1600 TODAY UNTIL 0600 TOMORROW.  
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